



NEW WORTLEY
community centre

News Release

Event - 4th March 2014 Midday at New Wortley Community Centre

Discover how a community led partnership is improving 3000 residents lives in New Wortley, Leeds and has been recognised at a national level as an outstanding Our Place project

- Residents in a part of Leeds at the bottom of league tables for deprivation have been fighting back to encourage investment and new ways of dealing with issues to transform their local area.
- Over £3.5 million pounds of direct investment has been made, new ways of working have been agreed that will radically improve outcomes.
- This Community led initiative has secured new employment and training opportunities and a major new local health initiative.

Rachel Reeves, Member of Parliament for Leeds West, commented:

“The way local agencies such as the Police, Thornton Medical Centre, Castleton Primary School, BARCA and residents groups have come together, doing ground breaking work to bring about real change, is an outstanding example of what collaborative working can achieve. I have been particularly impressed by the commitment of the people who make up this community, they want things to be better for themselves, their neighbours and most importantly their children. I hope that the ‘Our Place’ project continues to drive real change in the area and inspires other communities to do similar types of work.”

Quote from Kimberly Frangos- Local resident

“Our Place has been a great process, it has really brought the right people together who can and want to make a difference in New Wortley”

Come to New Wortley on the 4th March and hear testimony from local residents and workers, then hear reflections from an invited panel of guests including Tony Armstrong CEO of Locality, Tom Riordan Chief Executive Leeds City Council and others chaired by Local MP Rachel Reeves.

Notes to Editors:

There will be an opportunity to take pictures on the day

There will be an opportunity to visit the (under construction) New Community building (due to Open May 2016)

There will be an opportunity to interview local residents, Local workers, including a local GP and Head teacher, and our guest panel.

We can supply Our Place plans and evidence to support any articles.